

Preliminary Programme
Workshop
(Re)Thinking the University from, in, and beyond (Post-)Socialist Europe

Organization: Elisa Satjukow (Leipzig), Friedrich Cain (Vienna)

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

18:00 – 19:30 Roundtable *Universities at War*, in coop. with The University of New Europe and [Plattform]

This roundtable by the University of New Europe will provide a panorama of case studies analysing how universities have been implicated and affected by wars and conflicts from the Second World War and the Cold War. It will conclude with a reflection on the way academic communities are affected by Russia's war against Ukraine. They have also been sites of conflicts such as gender wars. This panel concentrates on European academic institutions as sites, agents, collaborators, resisters, as well as victims of military conflicts from the Second World War to Russia's War against Ukraine.

Chair: Philipp Schmädeke (Science at Risk)

Alexander Etkind (CEU): Russia's failed universities today: some case studies

Andrea Peto (CEU): Gender Wars at University

Dina Gusejnova (LSE): Internment universities during the Second World War

Mykola Makhortykh (Bern University): Conflict and digital spaces

Kirstine Arentoft Kristensen (University of Vienna): Building a mentoring network for scholars at risk

Thursday, September 28, 2023

10:00-10:30 Introduction

10:30-12:00 Panel 1: Universities during WW II and Repercussions

Chair: Claudia Kraft [to be requested]

Comment: Anna Echterhölter (WissGesch, Univ. Wien)

- Olena Dobosh (Lviv): The Impact of Territorial Shifts and Political Censorship on University Place Memory: A Comparative Study of Lviv, Wroclaw, and Vilnius Universities
- Friedrich Cain (Vienna): University Projects in Occupied Poland, 1939-1945
- Dina Gusejnova (London): Internment Universities During the Second World War [?]

12:00-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-15:30 Panel 2: From Late Socialism into the 1990ies

Chair: Katarina Kusic (Vienna) [ES]

Comment: Claudia Kraft/Dietlind Hüchtker (Vienna) [to be requested]

- Vedran Duančić (Klagenfurt)- What's the Point of Higher Education in Late Self-Managerial Socialism? A Collective Autobiography of Yugoslav Universities
- Irina Antoshchuk (Amsterdam): Late Soviet Universities: Embeddedness in Scientific Networks and Its Effects
- Axel Kahl (Potsdam): [The Transformation of East German Higher Education in the 1980/90s. Potsdam in Comparative Perspectives]
- Mitchell Ash (Wien) – “As in the West, so on Earth”? Theses (or Remarks) on the Transformations of Higher Education in Eastern Germany after Unification

16:00-18:00 Panel 3: New Projects between Democracy and Privatisation

Chair: Dorine Schellens (Amsterdam) [ES]

Comment: Miranda Jakisa (Vienna) [ES]]

- Elisa Satjukow (Leipzig): (Re)making Postsocialist Academia – The Case of CEU
- Matei Gheboianu (Bucharest): The Private Higher Education System in Romania after 1989 – The Case of the “Spiru Haret” University
- Andrei Ilin (?): Founding New Universities in the “New” Russia in the 1990s: Innovation and Continuity with Soviet and International Legacies
- Filip Balunović (Belgrade): “Subversive Film Festival” and “Open University”: The Importance of Non-Institutional Education for Critical Consciousness in Former Yugoslavia – the Case of the Open University Sarajevo

7 PM Joint Dinner

Friday, September 29, 2023

9:00-11:00 Panel 4: Backlash: Neoliberalisms, Conservatisms, Authoritarianisms

Chair: Rebekka Pflug (Vienna)

Comment: Jan Surman (Prague)

- Iuliia Gautalina (Tampere): De/re/composing Authoritarian-Neoliberal Assemblages: Ethnography of Russian Universities and Beyond
- Pavjo Gjini (Tirana/Graz): The Autonomy between the University and Neoliberalism: The Case of Albania
- Ádám Havas (Barcelona)/ Ágoston Fáber (?): The Rise of Heteronomous Academia on the EU's Borderlands
- Ingrid Verebes (Budapest): The Rise and Institutionalization of Family Science in Hungary

11:30-13:30 Panel 5: Re-Conceptualisations: (New) University Practices

Chair: Jan C. Behrends (Viadrina)

Comment: Ellen Rutten (University of Amsterdam)

- Alla Morozova (Paris): A Pedagogy of Equity and Cooperation among Dissenting Educators of post-Soviet Russia: Revisiting the ideas of Alexander Bogdanov and Paulo Freire in Contemporary Pedagogical Practices – the Case of the Free University Moscow
- Victoria Pardini (Washington): The Case of DOXA in Critiquing Academic Freedom at Russian Universities

- Nikola Lero (St. Louis): From a college dropout to a Fulbright Scholar: Memories of Academic Charlatanism and Academic Failure in post-war Bosnia
- Lidia Yatluk (Amsterdam): [Military Censorship in Russian Universities]

13:30-14:00 Closing Comments [Final Discussion/How to proceed?]